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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated that the Government have not yet finalized their plans for the introduction of Amber Charkas on a large scale.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Will the Government consider the desirability of introducing Amber Charka in areas where unemployment and under-employment are prevailing in a large measure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have already answered in Tamil that mere poverty and mere unemployment would not be the sole criteria for selecting suitable centres for the introduction of Ambar Charka. There must be the proper atmosphere for hand spinning.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the thread spun from this Amber Charka would be like the one spun from the ordinary charkas? Would the count and the quality of the thread be the same as that used in the khadi cloth?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, it has been examined and estimated that Amber Charka can produce better quality yarn at cheaper prices. Thereby, the price of khadi would also be cheaper.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, the Hon. Minister for Commerce and Industry in the Union, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, who is responsible for this and who is the Centre's guide, has stated that Amber Charka centres will be located in cotton-growing areas. Is this correct, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This also will be taken into account before Government decide on the number of centres to be opened.

Residents of Minicoy Islands

9-20 a.m. * 127 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any orders against nine residents of Minicoy Islands during the year 1955 prohibiting them from visiting or taking up their residence in that island; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. But these orders have been set aside by the High Court.

(*b*) The Government considered that in the interests of law and order in the islands and to maintain harmony among the islanders, it was desirable and necessary to prohibit the entry of these nine mainlanders to the islands.

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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether the Government have at least attempted to settle them down and whether the Government have warned them before they were deported from the islands?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : All possible steps to establish harmony and goodwill there have been taken.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, the fact appears to be that the Inspecting Officer, that is, the Collector of South Kanara, went there and he was told by the Amin who appears to be the dictator in the island that those people were mischievous. Straightaway the Collector seems to have asked them to get into the boats and deported them from the island thus separating them from their wives and children. Now that the High Court has set aside the order, will the Government closely examine the whole question instead of the arbitrary and capricious order being endorsed?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : It is not arbitrary. The Inspecting Officer, after due enquiry found that those people were dangerous to the island itself. Therefore, he recommended that they should be prohibited from entry into the island. But since the show-cause notice was not given to them, the High Court ordered that proper procedure should be adopted in the matter of prohibiting them. The Government are now taking such procedure. After taking such procedure as is necessary, they will be certainly prevented from entering the island.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Those people have been taken away from their wives and children for two years, on account of the order of the Government. Now that the High Court has set aside the order stating that it violated the principles of natural justice, will the Government see that they are restored to their wives and children at an early date?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : As I said earlier, the necessary procedure will be adopted.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether the Government will be kind enough to take some interim measures with regard to the families of the people who are separated from their wives and children? That is, I want to know whether their wives and children will be brought to the places where those people live at present and some family allowance and other facilities will be given to them so that they may once again enjoy their family life?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : The Government do not propose to allow them to enter into the island. So, the question of granting them any subsidy or allowance or anything of the sort does not arise.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, I am sorry the Hon. the Minister has not understood my question. If the Government

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are not in a position to allow those people to enter the island, may I know whether the Government will take their wives and children to the place where they are living at present?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : That will be examined, Sir.

SRI C. H. KANARAN : The Hon. Minister said that those people were dangerous to the island. May I know what is meant by " dangerous ".

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : They were meeting lot of trouble, they were inciting people to work against the very Constitution itself. Their presence in the islands was, therefore, considered dangerous. More than this, I cannot be going on explaining what is meant by " dangerous ".

Trawlers

* 128 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any trawlers have been brought by the Government during the year 1956 for fishing in the deep sea; and

(*b*) if so, the number and cost of each?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Seeds and manure loans to ryots

* 129 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for transferring from Agriculture Department to Revenue Department the powers of granting seeds and manure loans to ryots; and

(*b*) whether the change-over is permanent or temporary?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The work of grant of loans for the purchase of seeds and manures was transferred from Agricultural Department to Revenue Department for the following main reasons :—

(i) Granting of these loans does not need any expert knowledge in agriculture and the machinery in the Revenue Department is better suited to conduct enquiries more thoroughly and to make collections more promptly,

(ii) It is desirable to divest technical officers of the Agricultural Department of normally non-technical work, such as granting of loans so that they can devote more attention to Agricultural extension work.